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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 22 Oct 1993 12:50:21 GMT
From: gummy!destroyer!news1.oakland.edu!vela.acs.oakland.edu!prvalko@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

WHOA!!!!!! Hold the phone! I have been the country's leading
proponent for "Vanity" calls for years. This is action is WAY out of
line and (common for Washington) way out of touch with reality.

First, \$7 is NOTHING. My crude calculations show that the actual

government cost of issueing a ham licence is close to \$15. The government is actually LOSE money charging anything less.

Also, hams may be cheap, but the are VAIN. Why would an 8th district 2x2 call advanced ham (KF8xx) get a 2x2 (AA8xx) extra call? Sheeze, sounds like you're cranking over an old jalopy everytime you ID.

I venture to say that EVERY licenced ham will apply for a vanity call of some sort (at that price). The biggest rush will come from newly ticketed hams who will gobble up W-xxx calls to shed the "newbie" image.

If *I* ran the program, I would start accepting applications at \$10,000 per call. I would hold true to ITU rules and therefore issue (I predict) the first call to be "sold" as a 1 by 1, i.e. W1A, K8Z, N0T.

After a couple of months, they price of a vanity call may drop to \$5,000. Get the point? Sure, it is "unfair" to charge so much, only "the rich" will get to buy a cool callsign, but the feds will make some dough off of them and that's not so bad.

Well, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, I wish you all 73!!!

wb8zjl =paul= uhhhh, wb8zjl, I bet they couldn't GIVE that call away.

:-) ;-) :-)

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 20:22:31 GMT

From: yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!umn.edu!lynx.unm.edu!pacs.sunbelt.net!
udel!gvls1!rossi@uunet.uu.net

Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

When I first read about the proposed yearly fee for one of these "vanity" calls, it didn't like it, but the more I think about it, it might not be so bad.

I might help prevent someone from "claiming" a prime callsign and then never using it. If he knows he has to pay a yearly fee he might be more inclined to use it - i.e. get on the air.

It just brings up the question of how do you impose a yearly fee on a license with a 10 year term? What happens if the person does not "renew" his "vanity call"? One solution might be when someone gets one of these "vanity calls" he would also keep his present call and could use either one. If he doesn't renew the "vanity call" then he would loose it and it would be re-assigned after a suitable delay.

I just hope if they ever do implement a "pick your own callsign" program, I would like to see some kind of restrictions placed on who can get what type of call and not just let anyone get any call they want.

One other thing.. Only one "vanity call" per customer...

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Pete Rossi - WA3NNA rossi@vfl.paramax.COM

Unisys Corporation - Government Systems Group
Valley Forge Engineering Center - Paoli, Pennsylvania
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Date: 22 Oct 93 19:14:48 GMT
From: ogicse!hp-cv!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!srngenprp!alanb@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Pete Rossi (rossi@VFL.Paramax.COM) wrote:

: One other thing.. Only one "vanity call" per customer...

Oh, I dunno -- it might be nice to have a different call for your summer home in a different call district. If someone wants to supplement the FCC's budget to the tune of \$70 per callsign, why not?

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 19:42:37 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: amatchuers
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2a6hnrINNn10@emx.cc.utexas.edu> oo7@emx.cc.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

>
> Do you realize that 5-10% of the QS0s in your log book were probably
> with -gasp- homoseckshewels?

Whoops! Latest findings reduces this to 1-2%; that 10% figure was reportedly from flawed research in the early 50's. [Both our Honolulu newspapers ran a story on this, taken from one of the national wire services.]

Gee Derek, 'amatuer' is much closer to the actual pronunciation; I think our system of spelling needs to be overhauled...

Jeff (no spell checker here, just Webster's 7th) NH6IL

Date: 22 Oct 93 15:38:20 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Daily Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for 21 October
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 294, 10/21/93
10.7 FLUX=095.1 90-AVG=095 SSN=097 BKI=1323 2000 BAI=005
BGND-XRAY=B1.3 FLU1=3.9E+05 FLU10=1.1E+04 PKI=1223 3220 PAI=007
BOU-DEV=006,021,017,026,013,004,000,004 DEV-AVG=011 NT SWF=00:000
XRAY-MAX= B9.1 @ 2112UT XRAY-MIN= B1.1 @ 1349UT XRAY-AVG= B1.8
NEUTN-MAX= +005% @ 1615UT NEUTN-MIN= -001% @ 2335UT NEUTN-AVG= +0.7%
PCA-MAX= +0.1DB @ 1620UT PCA-MIN= -0.4DB @ 1650UT PCA-AVG= -0.0DB
BOUTF-MAX=55360NT @ 0800UT BOUTF-MIN=55342NT @ 1807UT BOUTF-AVG=55353NT
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT G7-AVG=+064,+000,+000
GOES6-MAX=P:+120NT@ 1952UT GOES6-MIN=N:-059NT@ 1053UT G6-AVG=+087,+013,-035
FLUXFCST=STD:095,095,100;SESC:095,095,100 BAI/PAI-FCST=015,015,015/018,012,010
KFCST=3223 4433 3224 4333 27DAY-AP=013,009 27DAY-KP=3123 3334 2022 3333
WARNINGS=*SWF
ALERTS=
!!END-DATA!!

NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 20 OCT 93 is not available.
The Full Kp Indices for 20 OCT 93 are not available.

Date: 22 Oct 93 15:56:30 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Delta's policy on personal electronics
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi,

Our national carrier, Aer Lingus, has recently banned CD players and other "laser-controlled" [sic] devices. Is this something to do with the possibility of interference from the DACs? I can't think of any other reason they'd want to ban them. Cellular 'phones and radios are the only other items specifically banned, though I imagine they wouldn't want to see anyone firing up their HT in flight ... :-)

Simon Woodworth.

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_/_/_/_/ Simon Woodworth | Tel: +353-21-357101 x258
_/_/_/_/ Motorola Ireland Ltd. | Fax: +353-21-357635
/_/_/_/_/ European Cellular |-----
/_/_/_/_/ Infrastructure Division | uunet!motcid!glas!woods
Blackrock, Cork, Ireland. | woods@glas.rtsg.mot.com
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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 20:25:48 GMT
From: pacbell.com!att-out!cbfsb!cbnews!cbnewst!cbnewsm!jeffj@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Enough of this! (was: The Canonical list of Code-Wars Answers)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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In article <2486@arrl.org> bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:
>In rec.radio.amateur.misc, brian@amdcl2.amd.com (Brian McMinn) writes:
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>> 1) No-Code is
>
> Because it is. It was so decreed by the FCC as of February 14, 1991.
>Issue effectively dead. Next issue...

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Kinda hard to argue with that...

Jeff

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Jeff Jones AB6MB | OPPOSE THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT!
jeffj@seeker.mystic.com | Canada/USA Free Trade cost Canada 400,000 jobs.
Infolinc BBS 510-778-5929 | Want to guess how many we'll lose to Mexico?

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Date: 21 Oct 1993 14:04:38 GMT
From: concert!lester.appstate.edu!usenet@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: FTP for ham files
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Could someone send me some info on how to ftp to some sites that have ham-related files? Thanks.

Shawn KE4FPZ

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Date: 21 Oct 1993 19:33:45 GMT
From: noc.near.net!news.Brown.EDU!NewsWatcher!user@uunet.uu.net

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Subject: GAYS,BARFS, AND OTHER BS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2a6be0\$00g@access.digex.net>, cormackj@access.digex.net (John Cormack) wrote:

> Note the word is AMATEUR, not amatuer.
> --
> John Cormack, N3PZY ** Since this is not my employer's account **
> Cormackj@access.digex.net ** No disclaimer is necessary **

Well, we're not all spelling experts!

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== Tony Pelliccio
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== Box 1908
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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 21:42:16 GMT
From: mulvey!rich@uunet.uu.net
Subject: GAYS,BARFS, AND OTHER BS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Anthony Pelliccio (cs_pelliccio@devel.adis.brown.edu) wrote:
: In article <2a6be0\$00g@access.digex.net>, cormackj@access.digex.net (John
: Cormack) wrote:

: > Note the word is AMATEUR, not amatuer.
: > --
: Well, we're not all spelling experts!

Yes, but it would be nice if people could at least spell the name of
their hobby correctly. :-)

- Rich

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Rich Mulvey Amateur Radio: N2VDS Rochester, NY
rich@mulvey.com "Ignorance should be painful."

Date: 21 Oct 93 18:50:04 GMT

From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!wet!brand@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Help with ROM upgrade for HK232 TNC.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A friend of mine has one of the Heathkit HK232 TNC's which he bought several years ago. It was essentially an AEA 232 but with some Heath features. He recently upgraded the EPROM's from the original ones (circa 1987/88 I believe) to the latest version still being sold by Heath, with a -3 suffix on the part number. Unfortunately, now his old programs no longer work although the newer ones (for which he bought the upgrade) do! Does anyone know what sort of configuration is necessary to get the old programs to work? As you probably know, Heath is no longer in the Ham Radio business and so it's impossible to get any technical assistance from the people there. The only thing that I heard was a comment from one of them that "they (Heath) always used to send us (the technicians) upgraded EPROMs which would work with the new software but not with the old!".

Any help would be appreciated.

Cheers,
-Graham Brand (brand@wet.uucp or wet!brand@cca.ucsf.edu)

Date: 22 Oct 93 13:26:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Info-Hams Digest V93 #1252
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Date: 22 Oct 93 15:40:35 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!news.bbn.com!news.bbn.com!levin@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Radio Schlock SWR/Power Meter
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CF98AC.A8o@amdc12> brian@amdc12.amd.com (Brian McMinn) writes:

Also, be sure you understand the funny plot on the back of the meter.
You can't make meaningful measurements without it.

So - does anyone have any helpful hints _exactly_ how this chart is supposed to be used? For some reason mine came without any comprehensible instructions. (I've been using it to read relative SWR to locate minimums, not to read actual SWR.)

Thanks / JBL

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Nets: levin@bbn.com | "How does a mouse let me move the cursor anywhere
pots: (617)873-3463 | I want?" "What are address busses?" "How do
KD10N (@KB4N.NH.USA) | icons work?" --Time-Life Books

Date: 22 Oct 93 18:53:59 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Radio Schlock SWR/Power Meter
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> >leave well enough alone, I stop over at a local RS at lunch and pick up
> >their VHF/UHF SWR*Power Meter. My friend comes over, we hook it in-line
> >between the trans and antenna. The meter gives us three wildly different
> >SWR readings at the low, medium and high power settings of the
> >Kenwood, namely, 1.5, 3, and off the scale, respectively. My Extra friend
^^^^^

You're lucky, I don't have any spares. {Sorry}

> >said that the meter must be trash...that SWR shouldn't vary with the power
> >level.
> >Does anyone have any experience with the RS Meter (PN# 19-320)? Any
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> Are you using the chart on the back that corrects the meter for different
> power levels?

I'm sure this answers the question, but that chart has to be one of the most confusing charts I've run across. I "think" I finally have it figured out but it took a while. I resorted to using it in power mode, both forward and reversed, and using the equations.

> power reading (45 watt radio) is the one I give the most attention to.
>
Yes, and if this is one of the 2 (one for each scale) power level for which the chart isn't used, it makes reading easier, provided you radio puts out one of the two power levels.

> It's cheap, I know it, and I like it.
>

Me too. My only complaint is that it's always upside down for some reason. Murphy's law I guess, or possibly that I'm too lazy to put the adapter on the other end.

Date: 21 Oct 1993 21:49:50 GMT
From: lerc.nasa.gov!lerc.nasa.gov!plasma.lerc.nasa.gov!snyder@purdue.edu
Subject: reseting Alinco DJ-180T
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Yesterday, I installed the 50 channel memory unit into my 180, and when I turned it on I could receive only in the 2m band (144-148MHz). Today I found out that holding down the <Lamp> button while turning the radio on restored the 130-174 receiver range. The instruction manual (using the term loosely) only indicated the ability to reset the radio by holding down the <function> key when turning on the radio. I think I found out that holding down the <tone> key controls the radio's ability to beep.

Anyone know what other functions can be controlled?

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david b. snyder, KB8BVR |
snyder@plasma.lerc.nasa.gov |

Date: 22 Oct 1993 12:57:22 GMT
From: library.ucla.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!destroyer!news1.oakland.edu!vela.acs.oakland.edu!prvalko@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: TenTec Century 22
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Century 22 was an interesting mid-power rig of 1984 vintage.

List price was something around \$350 and usually sells for or slightly more than that now. It was CW only. Like most TenTecs it was limited production and is considered "collectable."

Quite rare, I have not seen one in several years.

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 19:34:22 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!ncar!ren@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: This loving community of hams...
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>n7949188@henson.cc.wvu.edu (John Hatten) writes:

>> One of the things that has always attracted me to amateur radio is the fact
>>that although we may be very different on politics, religious belief,
>>sexual orientation, ethnicity, and just about anything else, we could be
>>friendly and respectful of one another. In the terms of the Quakers, it's
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Gee, and I joined because they were a bunch of nerds just like me.
(sigh)
ren NOPVI
dona nobis pacem

Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1993 02:02:52 GMT
From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!jfh@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2a511q\$ai9@crcnis1.unl.edu>, <2a660b\$97g@reznor.larc.nasa.gov>,
<gregCF9ApD.GrE@netcom.com>
Subject : Re: GAY & QST

greg@netcom.com (Greg Bullough) wrote:
>What follows is the text of email received from David Sumner K1ZZ,
>the Executive Vice-President of the ARRL, in response to my challenge
>for the ARRL to make some official statement regarding the dispute
>between themselves and LARC.

It's good to know that our discussions on this topic (and presumably
others) are being read by people at the ARRL.

>The following is posted with the author's
>permission. I will reserve my own comments for a later post, so that
>Mr. Sumner's statment may stand on its own.
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>=====

>>Dear Greg:

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>>Ed Hare has passed along a recent message from you concerning
>>Lambda ARC and ARRL.

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>>I have not been following any of the discussion, so I cannot
>>comment on anything that might have been said by others.

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>>The situation is this. In early April 1992, in plenty of time
>>for the ad to appear in June 1992 QST, I advised LARC president
>>Jim Kelly that the ad as most recently submitted was acceptable
>>for QST. That it did not appear in that issue, nor in any
>>subsequent issue, is entirely his choice.

>>

>>73,
>>David Sumner, K1ZZ
>>Executive Vice President, ARRL

I received a similar letter from Mr. Sumner. What he said doesn't necessarily contradict what the gentleman from LARC said.

If I were LARC, I'd take Mr. Sumner up on his offer. LARC could compromise slightly on their principles and get the ad published and the lawsuit over with, and that wouldn't eliminate the possibility of the ARRL changing their other policies (such as the definition of "family" for the membership rate) later. But I'm a pragmatist, and I understand that not everyone else is - and sometimes it is better to dig in and take a stand. I have the impression, though, that the two sides have locked themselves into a deadly embrace.

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Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1993 02:17:51 GMT
From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!jfh@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct18.020617.23677@gsm001.mendelson.com>,
<dbledsoeCF34x4.3wJ@netcom.com>, <stevevCF3MKD.B2J@netcom.com>
Subject : Re: GAY & QST

stevev@netcom.com (Steven Wilson) wrote:

>That is what happened. I find it also interesting that
>at least the last time I was caught up on the subject, the
>Golden Gate chapter had dropped their membership in the
>international Lambda.

The version I heard was that LARC international put in a new requirement for chapters; under the new rule, at least 50 percent of the members of a chapter had to be members of the international.

The San Francisco chapter had a fairly low percentage (10 percent? 20 percent?) of international members (a much higher percentage of the members belonged to the ARRL). SF had three choices: force its members to join the international, which cost money; kick out members who didn't also belong to

the international, which wouldn't do the local chapter any good; or drop out of the international. They (or rather "we", because I was at the meeting where the vote was taken) decided to drop out.

Only the San Francisco chapter was affected by this new rule, which was put into place after SF disagreed with the international over the handling of the ARRL issue.

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 93 17:28:39 GMT
From: ncrw2.ncr.com!ncrhub2!torynews!kevin@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <gregCF5t4H.3zo@netcom.com>,
<1993Oct20.020335.10905@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>, <gregCF73vy.BEG@netcom.com>co
Subject : Re: LARC, QST, etc.

In article <gregCF73vy.BEG@netcom.com> greg@netcom.com (Greg Bullough) writes:
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>Then again, if what the League has to say can be used against it, it is
>apparent that they have engaged in something for which they have some
>liability, or at least they believe so. As a service organization, they
>then ought to own up to it, make reparations, apologize to the membership,
>and the responsible officials ought to step down. Since elections are
>coming up, now is a good time for them to do so with minimal expense
>and disruption.
>

Boy, I hope you aren't on my jury if I'm ever on trial! To assume someone's silence implies his or her guilt is reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition. You've decided that the ARRL is guilty, and their silence confirms this for you. The only reason you want a statement from them is because you're hoping to be able to rub their nose in it.

>'Advice of their attorneys' does not absolve anyone of responsibility. It
>does not absolve the ARRL Board of accountability to the membership at
>large. And the Board can, in turn, advise its attorneys of its responsibility
>to the membership, enlisting their aid in drafting a statement of fact which
>will not jeopardize the 'case.'

You are correct in your statement that the ARRL is accountable to its members.

But that does not mean that every action has to be disclosed when you ask them to. Whether or not the ARRL chooses to make a statement is purely between the board and their legal counsel. It is the responsibility of the legal counsel to control what is made public and what isn't, for the overall benefit of the membership. If a public statement is made, and it turns out to be damaging to ARRL, then the membership pays the price. The potential penalties are too high to risk issuing any sort of statement while legal action is pending; I'm sure we will all be informed of the facts in due time.

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>Not commenting on 'advice of counsel' is often sensible, especially when the
>party is accountable to no one but himself, and is refusing to satisfy a
>curious press. It is equally often the refuge of scoundrels who are trying
>to hide their mis-behavior, and of inept or dishonest officials who are
>attempting to delay the time when they will be called to account for
>their actions.
>

You've correctly identified *two* possible reasons for silence on the part of the ARRL. So why does the rest of your post assume only the latter?

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Kevin Sanders, KN6FQ
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